

BCL factions clash leaving 15 injured at BAU

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AT LEAST 15 people were injured in a factional clash of Chhatra League at Bangladesh Agricultural University on Friday night over establishing supremacy on the campus.

Witnesses said that some Chhatra League activists of the group led by the unit president stopped the unit's organising secretary Assaduzaman Khokn at a place on the campus and beat him up about 6:00pm.

As the news spread, about two hundred activists of the group led by the unit's general secretary equipped with iron rods, hockey sticks, bamboos and sharp weapons gathered in front of the Ashrafal Haque Hall. The people loyal to the president by the time gathered in the place.

The groups first pelted each other with stones and chased each other, leading to a clash when at least 17 rounds were fired, a witness said. At least 15 activists of both the groups were injured.

Of the injured, Sajnu was sent to Mymensingh Medical College Hospital. The rest were treated in the university medical centre.

The university's stu-

dent affairs adviser Sultan Uddin Bhuiya along with proctorial body members and the police later reached the place and tried to contain the situation but failed.

The campus situation became tense as the clash was continuing till 8:30pm.

The Kotwali police officer-in-charge, Fazlul Karim, however, told New Age. 'The the situation is peaceful. The police have taken the situation under control.'

The university unit Chhatra League's general Secretary Rafiquzzaman Iman said. 'The incident is unexpected. A vested interest quarter is trying to create a chaos on the campus.' He, however, rushed aside the allegation of bullets being fired during the clash.

The unit's president Shamsuddin Al-Azad said. 'The incident may have happened over personal enmity. We are trying to resolve the matter.'

The acting proctor Nasrin Sultana said that additional policemen were deployed on the campus to fend off further violence.

At least 10 activists were injured in factional clashes of the Chhatra League on Wednesday night and Thursday evening.